

answer (to our praises) , respond
to (onr
prayers) : be propitious, INDJELA, to our
sacrifice, and
("bestow upon us abundant) food,

5. The hymn, the cause of increase^ is
to be re-
peated to INDBA, the repeller of many foes;
that
S'AKBA* may speak (with kindness,) to our
sons and
to our friends.

6. "We have recourse to IKBRA, for Ms
friendship,
for wealth, for perfect might ; for he, the
powerful
IKDKA, conferring wealth, is able (to protect
us).

xx 7. INDRA, by thee is food (rendered),
everywhere,
abundant, easy of attainment, and
assuredly perfect.
Wielder of the thunderbolt, set open the
cow-pas-
tures,¹³ and provide (ample) wealth-

7. Heaven and earth are unable to
sustain thee,
when destroying thine enemies. Thou
mayest com-
mand the waters of heaven. Send us,
liberally, kine.

8. O thou whose ears hear all
things, listen,
quickly, to my invocation ; hold, in thy
heart, my
praises ; keep near to thee this, my hymn, as
It were

— (the words of) a friend.

10. "We know thee, liberal rainer (of
blessings),
the hearer of our call in .battles: we
invoke the
thousand-fold profitable protection
of thee, the

showerer (of bounties).

^a *S'akra*, is a common synonym of *Indra*, but is used, If not in this, clearly in the next, stanza, as an epithet, implying ^xthe powerful/ from *sak*, to be able.

^b The text is literally rendered ; the meaning "being, that *Indra*, as the sender of rain, should fertilize the fields, and, by providing abundant pasturage, enable the cattle to yield store of milk.